

## REVIEW

- Despite his silence, God cares.
- Despite his patience, his actions are swift.
- When God sees a need, he moves a person.

TRANSITION: MOSES AND AARON HAVE MOVED, WILL PHARAOH? WILL THE PEOPLE?

## BEFORE PHARAOH (EX. 5:1-21)

READ THE WHOLE THING... WELL, THAT DIDN'T GO SO WELL!

### Consider Pharaoh's Perspective

PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW SOME PEOPLE RESPOND TO CHANGE // EVEN A SMALL CHANGE

1. He doesn't know their God.

PHARAOH HAD A LOT OF GODS TO PAY ATTENTION TO... INCLUDING HIMSELF!  
BUT THAT'S THE WRONG TEAM!

Arrogant **IGNORANCE** can put you  
on the **LOSING TEAM**.

2. He's dealing with a lot of fear.

VERSE 5, IF THEY HAVE TIME TO COMPLAIN, THEY HAVE TIME TO PLAN-- REVOLUTION  
ESPECIALLY SCARY IF HE IS ONE OF THE HYKSOS RULERS • SOLUTION: MORE WORK!!

Fear of losing **POWER** can make you **CRUEL**.

LANGUAGE, VIOLENCE, PASSIVE AGGRESSION

What about me?

GP: EVER FACED A CHANGE / YOU DIDN'T BUY THE AUTHORITY / FEARED THE CONSEQUENCES?

### Consider the Israelites

PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR SHOES... EXCITEMENT OVER MOSES' RETURN AND HIS WORDS

1. God disappointed them.

GOD SAID, I WILL SAVE YOU, BUT THE NEXT DAY IT ALL GOT WORSE!  
BOB SCHREIBER: BAPTISM → CANCER → SIMPLE HOPE → HEALING!

God doesn't always **MAKE LIFE BETTER**.

2. Blame Moses and Aaron!

Disappointment leads us to **LASH OUT** at others.

What about me?

HAVE YOU EVER USED COMFORT TO MEASURE GOD'S INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR LIFE?  
HAVE YOU EVER LET DISAPPOINTMENT CAUSE YOU TO TURN ON OTHERS?  
ILL: MAN AT FIRST BAPTIST DIAGNOSED WITH M.S. -- NOT GETTING "FED"

TRANSITION: BUT DON'T STOP THE STORY AT THE DISAPPOINTMENT! WATCH WHAT'S NEXT!!

## BEFORE GOD (EX 5:22-6:8)

5:22-23 • MOSES HAS AN ASSET OTHERS DON'T HAVE... ACCESS TO GOD... HE USES IT!

6:1-8 • GOD DOESN'T ANSWER THE QUESTION...

### God Reaffirms Three Things:

- God reaffirms his own **CAPABILITY**.
- God reaffirms his covenant **IDENTITY**.
- God reaffirms his **INTENTION**.  
IN DARKEST DAYS, WE CAN'T FORGET WHO GOD IS AND WHAT HE INTENDS TO DO.

TRANSITION: BUT MOSES HAD FORGOTTEN SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT

## WHAT MOSES FORGOT

### Exodus 6:1...

### Exodus 3:18-22...

- You'll tell the elders, and they'll believe you.
- You'll ask the king of Egypt for three days off.
- He'll say no (until he's compelled).
- I will stretch out my hand.
- He will be compelled to let you go.
- They will send you away with wealth.

EVERYTHING IS GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN...

LIVING IN THE GAP BETWEEN TWO CHECK BOXES.

TWO VERY IMPORTANT GOALS (LAST TWO) -- SOMEHOW THEIR HARDSHIP IS NECESSARY

God's good plan requires **DAYS** of **DARKNESS**.

## TAKE IT HOME

### Exodus 6:9-12...

1. Are you facing a time of change?
2. Has God somehow disappointed you?
3. Has God allowed some hardship into your life?
4. What have I forgotten about God?

GOD'S GOOD PLAN REQUIRES SOME DAYS OF DARKNESS... BEFORE THE DAWN